

## Reciprocating Engine Gensets in Distributed Generation Applications

# State-of-the-Art Development Building Blocks Enabling Technologies

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#### Agenda

- Current Products
- Getting to ARICE goals
- Technical challenges
- Summary





### Current Products (500ekw+) 60 Hz Power Generation



Diesel Power Range
 1000 - 7500 ekW

NOx Emissions5 -12 g/bhp-hr

- Electrical Efficiencies 34 - 44%



Gas Power Range 500 - 6000 ekw

NOx Emissions0.5 - 1 g/bhp-hr

- Electrical Efficiencies 35 - 43%

A far cry from ARICE <0.1 g/bhp-hr

>50% efficiency

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#### **How Do We Get To ARICE?**

- Increased Loads
- Higher Component Efficiencies
- Reduced Friction
- Heat Recovery to Power Turbocompounding
- Exhaust Aftertreatment
- Improved Controls
- In-cylinder NOx Control Techniques
- Increased Efficiency Generators





#### What Technologies Do We Need?

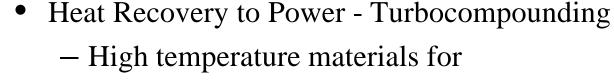


- Increased Loads
  - In-cylinder combustion feedback
  - Knock mitigation
  - Increased pressure ratio turbochargers
- Higher Component Efficiencies
  - Increased efficiency cooling systems for pumps, fans, and aftercoolers
  - Increased efficiency turbochargers
- Lower Friction
  - Low friction lubricants
  - Low friction coatings / surface geometries

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- valves and manifolds
- Improved insulation techniques
- Exhaust Aftertreatment
  - Low temp capable catalysts
  - Low sulfur diesel fuels
- Improved Controls
  - Robust and low cost NOx sensors
  - Adaptive control strategies





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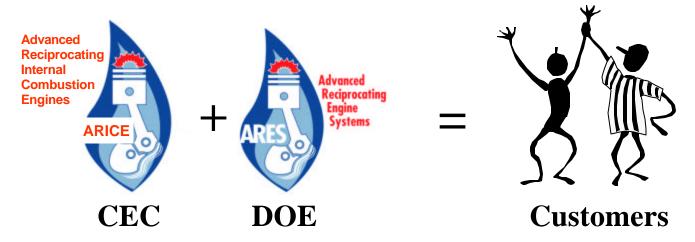
- In-cylinder NOx Control Techniques
  - Water injection technology
  - EGR pumps, heat exchangers, controls
- Increased Efficiency Generators
  - Highly efficient synchronous generators
  - Variable speed generators
  - Power control electronics

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#### Where do we Go?

- Multiple Technical Paths to Investigate
- Clear Commercial Need for Improved Recip Products
- Strong Lab / University / Industry / Government Drive to Succeed
- We Need a Coordinated Approach !!
  - ARICE and ARES Programs



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